Committee and circulated in the House. I request that the House may be plased to sanction the allotment.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 1, 087-14-0 under 12—Tramway —B—Revenue —5 (f) Contribution to Provident fund.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,087-14-0 under 12—Tramway—B—Revenue—5 (f)— Contribution to Provident Fund for the reasons stated in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. The House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 2,724 under 13—Registration—Miscelleneous.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar— Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,724/- under 13—Registration Miscellaneous. The reasons for the demand have been supplied in detail in the note for the Standing Finance Committee. If any further information is required, I shall be glad to supply it. I request the House to grant the allotment.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 600 under 15— General Administration— Huzur— Office Expenses— Miscellaneous.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 600/— under 15— General Administration— Huzur— Office Expenses— Miscellaneous.

The necessity for this supplementary grant has been sufficiently explained in the note prepared for the Standing Finance Committee. A large slice of the original allotment had to be spent in replacing two typewriters. Other details are furnished in the Note. I request that the House may be pleased to allow the grant.

(At this stage the Diwan President occupied the Chair.)

Motion No 1.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for General Administration by Re. 1. (To acquaint the Government with the importance of applying the Moratorium restraining the execution of decrees against persons who are purely agriculturists only and not against those agriculturists who are also carrying on trade).*

Mr. President.—In view of the explanation given by the Secretary to Government the cut motion of Mr. Poptlal Gover-

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dhan Lalan is not in order. I have already explained to the Council at the time of discussing supplementary demands that the Council cannot repeat the budget discussion or discuss questions of policy. They can only discuss the financial implications out of the specific item of expenditure.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—On a point of order, Sir, I think the rules are otherwise. All powers of discussion which we have with respect to the Budget we have also in the matter of discussion of the supplementary grant. I shall just point out the section. Page 44, Legislative Council Manual. Rule 53. "(1) An estimate shall be presented to the Council for a supplementary or additional grant when — (i) the amount voted in the budget for a grant for which the vote of the Council is necessary, is found to be insufficient for the purpose of the current year, or (ii) a need arises during the current year for expenditure for which the vote of the Council is necessary upon some new service not contemplated in the budget for that year.

(2) Supplementary or additional estimates shall be dealt with in the same way by the Council as if they were demands for grants". That is the rule. The practice obtaining during the last 10½ years of this Council was to allow us to discuss the policy involved and we have been enjoying all the privileges that we have in a discussion of the budget grants. My point is, unless this rule is changed it may not be quite proper to take away from us the power that we already enjoy.

Mr. President. — That rule quoted by the Hon'ble Member relates to the procedure to be adopted in moving supplementary demands in the Council. Everywhere the rule is exactly identical. In applying that rule, we have to observe this principle that questions of policy not arising directly out of the item of expenditure are not discussed during supplementary demands and the explanation for that reason is very simple. If the wide interpretation that the Hon'ble Memmer seems to put on this rule is to be observed, then on this demand of Rs. 600 the whole administration of the Cochin Government can be brought into view again, that is a second budget discussion. It is not contemplated under any procedure. Therefore there is no question of taking away any right vested under the rule, but there is only a question of interpreting the rules.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—There are other rules which restrict our hands to discuss matters for which the grant is intended.

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Mr. President.—Take for example Mr. Goverdhan Lalan's motion. He wants to discuss the question of moratorium on this grant of Rs. 600 which is intended for the purchase of typewriters.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I want to make my position clear. My point is, if objection is taken to the motion on the ground that it does not cover the point for which the grant is sought, I have no quarrel.

Mr. President.—That was all my point.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If I have to move a motion on the necessity for the purchase of a typewriter, or say, the raising the pay of the typist or some such allied motion which could reasonably be raised on the point, will that be in order?

Mr. President.—I never mean otherwise. I said questions directly arising out of the item certainly can be discussed.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Policies also?

Mr. President.—Directly arising out of the demand, for example the policy of purchasing typewriters.

Grant put and carried.

Rama Varmah Tampuran.—Sir, under Accounts and Finance, there are five heads. I may be allowed to move for the total amount.

Mr. President.— No, no, you must move it individually, as it is printed here.

Rs. 1,302 under 16 — Accounts and Finance — Temporary Establishment.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,302 under 16 — Accounts and Finance, Temporary Establishment. This is to create another local audit division to clear the arrears and to bring the work up to date. We intend to provide for one Superintendent, 3 Auditors and one peon. The provision is to meet their salary till the end of the year. I request the House to sanction the allotment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the work of a Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He will be in charge of that Local Audit Division.

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